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(SPs) USING EDGE DEVICE

Our File No. 1322/9

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

- 1. An Amendment B (23 pages);
- 2. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- 3. Form PTO-1449 in duplicate;
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